

House Bill 133

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1 To amend Subpart 2 of Part 6 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of  
2 Georgia Annotated, relating to conditions of employment of certificated personnel in  
3 elementary and secondary education, so as to change certain provisions relating to salary  
4 increases for persons receiving certification from the National Board for Professional  
5 Teaching Standards; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other  
6 purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Subpart 2 of Part 6 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia  
10 Annotated, relating to conditions of employment of certificated personnel in elementary and  
11 secondary education, is amended in Code Section 20-2-212.2, relating to salary increases for  
12 persons receiving certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards,  
13 by revising subsection (c) as follows:

14 "(c) Except as provided for in subsection (b.1) of this Code section, for initial national  
15 certification on and after July 1, 2006, and subsequent renewals anytime thereafter,

16 (1) Any person who:

17 (A) Is currently teaching full time in a high-needs school and holds a valid Georgia  
18 teaching certificate as defined by the Professional Standards Commission; and

19 (B) Has successfully completed the prerequisite portfolio of student work and  
20 examination and has received national certification

21 shall receive not less than a 10 percent rate increase in state salary for each year he or she  
22 holds national certification. Such increase shall be awarded beginning on the date such  
23 certification is received. The 10 percent increase shall be computed based on the state  
24 salary for such individual when national certification is received. A teacher who was  
25 teaching full time in a high-needs school when he or she enrolled in the process for  
26 national certification shall be eligible for the 10 percent increase even if such school is no

1 longer designated as a high-needs school on the date the teacher received national  
2 certification. A teacher who transfers to a high-needs school after such individual receives

3 national certification shall receive such increase beginning on the effective date of transfer  
4 if the teacher meets the requirements of this subsection, and such increase shall be  
5 computed based on the state salary for such individual on the effective date of the transfer.  
6 Provided such individual remains employed in a high-needs school or in a school that was  
7 designated as a high-needs school at the time the individual received national certification  
8 or transferred to such school and otherwise continues to meet the requirements of this  
9 subsection, the 10 percent increase shall be recomputed each subsequent year based on  
10 such individual's state salary for that school year.

11 (2) A teacher shall be granted two days of approved paid leave to prepare the portfolio of  
12 student work required for national certification.

13 (3) The Professional Standards Commission shall provide annually to the Department of  
14 Education a roster of teachers who have attained and retained national certification and are  
15 eligible for the annual increase.

16 (4) The Professional Standards Commission shall be authorized to accept, receive,  
17 distribute, and administer funds to be used for national certification program participation  
18 fees."

## 19 SECTION 2.

20 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.